

1-8, 10-13, 15-27, 29, 32, 35-38, and 40-48. Claims 9, 14, 28, 30-31, 33-34 and 39 are withdrawn or stand withdrawn as a result of the present election.

It is noted that in our previous election, claims 24-36, drawn to a lens blank, were elected without traverse.

This election is made without traverse.

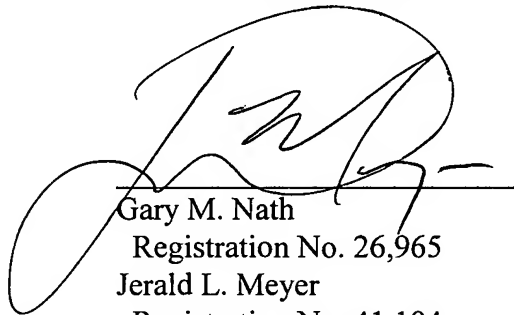
CONCLUSION

In view of the preceding election, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to conduct a first substantive examination of the application, and further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if it is believed that it will expedite the prosecution of the application.

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